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To: Pharmacists
All Prescribers
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Subject: Expedited Prior Authorization for Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is incorporating non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) into the expedited prior authorization (EPA) process as an entire therapeutic class. **The following NSAIDs billing code and criterion will be implemented during the week of June 5, 2000.**

Drug	Code	Criteria
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**Non-Steroidal
Anti-Inflammatory Drugs**

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An absence of a history of ulcer
or gastrointestinal bleeding.

Ansaid7 (Flurbiprofen)
Arthrotec7 (Diclofenac/Misoprostol)
Clinoril7 (Sulindac)
Daypro7 (Oxaprozin)
Feldene7 (Piroxicam)
Ibuprofen
Indomethacin
Lodine7, **Lodine XL**7 (Etodolac)
Meclofenamate
Nalfon7 (Fenoprofen)
Naprosyn7 (Naproxen)
Orudis7, **Oruvail**7 (Ketoprofen)
Ponstel7 (Mefenamic acid)
Relafen7 (Nabumetone)
Tolectin7 (Tolmetin)
Toradol7 (Ketorolac)
Voltaren7 (Diclofenac)

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Other Changes since Numbered Memorandum 99-52, dated September 1999

Drugs Terminated from EPA List

- Hismanal⁷
- Seldane⁷
- Seldane D⁷

Drugs Added to EPA List

- Aciphex⁷
- Differin Solution⁷
- Evista⁷
- Miralax Powder⁷
- Sonata⁷

Other Changes to EPA List

- Diagnoses – clarification of sources for diagnostic information
- Criteria changed for Allegra⁷, Claritin⁷, and Zyrtec⁷
- Criteria changed for Aricept⁷
- Criteria added to Celebrex⁷
- Criteria changed for Copaxone Injection⁷
- Criteria changed for Risperdal⁷
- Criteria changed for Seroquel⁷

Attached is an updated EPA list (Section H) for MAA's Prescription Drug Program Billing Instructions, dated December 1998.